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Occupied Germany:

Attached as Appendices "A", "B", and "C" are cases and deaths by Regierungsbezirk and Land and case rates by Regierungsbezirk and Land for the week ending 20 April 1946. Attached as Appendix "D" is a report of Animal Diseases by Regierungsbezirk and Land for the two-week period 1-15 April 1946 (Veterinary reports are made semi-monthly).

Communicable Diseases: Again only one case of typhus fever, in Berlin, was reported during the week for the U. S. Zone. The incidence of both diphtheria and typhoid fever continues to decrease, while tuberculosis shows a decline in all Laender.

Medical Supplies: Land Bavaria reports distribution of 1,900,000 units of insulin among diabetic patients during the past week but this only 27% of the required amount. U. S. Army surplus medical supplies including bandages, surgical instruments, and hospital equipment have been approved for distribution to German civilians. Bremen reports a conference has been held with CRALOG concerning critically needed medical supplies which are not obtainable through other channels.

Nutrition: During the past week in Bavaria both German teams worked with the two American teams in a nutritional survey of Nuremberg. The results were satisfactory in that the nutritional status was good, with four cases of rickets the only evidence of true vitamin deficiency. It is still too early to discover effects of the recent official ration cut. Wuerrttemberg-Baden reports that a visit to the insane asylum at Winnenden, Kreis Waiblingen revealed that the patients were receiving a 1200 calorie diet instead of the authorized allowance of 2350. The condition was reported to German food agencies and was corrected.

Venereal Diseases: In Wuerrttemberg-Baden all penicillin to be used in the treatment of venereal disease among German civilians is being centrally stored in Stuttgart where it is placed under the control of the Land Venereal Disease official. The newly appointed Venereal Disease Supervisor in Bavaria has started his work of coordinating the activities of the venereal disease program, revising the old German venereal disease law, and supervising the distribution and use of penicillin.

Nursing: Wuerrttemberg-Baden reports the approval of the application to reopen the Red Cross Nurse Training School of the Municipal Hospital in Ulm, and of the Nurse Training School at Babies' and Childrens' Hospital in Waiblingen, as well as the Red Cross Training School at the Municipal Hospital at Sindelfingen, Kreis Boblingen. The School for Adult Nursing of the Bremen City Hospital has also been given permission to open.

Hospitalization: In Herborn a 2300 bed PW hospital is being converted into a civilian hospital, probably to be used as a tuberculosis sanitorium. In spite of the fact only 14 days supply of food remains on hand and the operation of this hospital will require 500 gallons of gasoline monthly, the civilian government is anxious to assume operational responsibilities.

Animal Disease: The incidence of erysipelas of pigs, fowl plague, and scabies of horses remains high with the latter showing some decline. The foot-and-mouth disease epizootic in the Wetzlar area (RB Wiesbaden) is on the decline. Hog cholera has been reported on 25 farms in 16 communities in Greater Hesse and is believed to be due to the feeding of hogs on uncooked garbage.

APPENDIX "A"

Communicable Disease Report United States Zone of Germany
for Week Ending 20 April 1946

Regierungs-Bezirk	Popu-lation	Reported Number of New CASES and DEATHS of COMMUNICABLE DISEASE												c: cases	d: deaths										
		Typhus Fever	Smallpox	Cholera	Plague	Anthrax	Diphtheria	Scarlet Fever	Tuberculosis Lung and Larynx	Meningoencephalitis	Gonorrhœa	Syphilis	Typhoid	Paratyphoid Fever	Dysentery	Bacillary Food Poisoning	Unsanitary Fever	Infectious Jaundice	Rabies	Encephalitis	Malaria	Influenza	Measles		
TOTAL US Zone	\$ 15,570,584	c 1	p 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	1674547	64	14	31	3	—	—	6	3234	—	1	15	110	37	
Mainfranken	927,206	c —	p —	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	1	—	7	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Ober- and Mittelfranken	2,140,055	c —	p —	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	9	5	6	1	—	60	16	2	4	—	—	* 248	—	—	
Niederbayern and Oberpfalz	1,966,526	c —	p —	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	16	4	2	38	1	—	177	56	18	3	—	—	—	—	
Schwaben	1,018,162	c —	p —	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	14	28	—	*	1	—	1	177	47	15	2	—	—	—	
Oberbayern	2,094,785	c —	p —	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	18	60	10	42	—	2	215	69	2	—	3	—	* 426	—	
Kassel	1,042,724	c —	p —	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	6	28	7	9	—	—	69	26	4	1	—	—	—	91	
Wiesbaden	1,322,421	c —	p —	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	1	—	5	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Hessen	1,080,779	c —	p —	—	—	—	—	—	—	47	10	40	2	26	1	—	102	28	1	—	4	1	—	5 214	
Baden	1,135,775	c —	p —	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	12	2	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Württemberg	1,908,151	c —	p —	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	47	11	47	11	39	—	—	143	35	2	3	—	* 229	—
Bremen Port Command	\$ —	c —	p —	—	—	—	—	—	—	34	6	14	3	—	—	—	—	105	40	1	—	—	—	—	
Berlin (Am Sector)	934,000	c 1	p 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	72	18	90	9	*	—	—	174	66	10	1	9	—	*	4	

* No data submitted.

§ Bremen included in report from British Zone — not included in the totals on this report.

APPENDIX "B"

**Communicable Disease Report (by Land) United States Zone of Germany
for Week Ending 20 April 1946**

Land	Popu- lation	Reported Number of New CASES and DEATHS of COMMUNICABLE DISEASE												c: cases	d: deaths													
		Cases, Deaths	Typhus Fever	Louse borne Relapsing Fever	Smallpox	Choleræ	Plague	Anthrax	Diphtheria	Scarlet Fever	Tbc. other	Tbc. lungs	Whooping Cough	Syphilis	Gonorrhœa	Polio-myelitis	Meningitis meningococcæus	Tbc. lungs	Scalp. other	Typhoid Fever	Paratyphoid	Dysentery	Infectious Jaundice	Rabies	Encephalitis epidemic	Malaria	Influenza	Measles
Bavaria	8,146,734	c	—	—	—	222	65	232	20	86	2	3	726	215	40	9	5	1	—	1	2012	—	1	7	58	2		
Greater Hesse	3,445,924	c	—	—	—	140	32	113	18	43	1	—	492	193	12	1	8	1	—	5	318	—	—	—	—	45	9	
Württemberg	3,043,926	c	—	—	—	144	20	86	21	52	—	—	282	73	2	3	9	1	—	—	904	—	—	—	—	4	7	26
Baden	—	d	—	—	—	—	7	—	31	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Bremen Port Command	473,000	c	—	—	—	34	16	14	3	—	—	—	105	40	—	1	—	—	—	—	284	—	—	—	—	16	—	
Berlin (US Sector)	934,000	c	1	—	—	—	—	72	18	90	9	—	—	174	66	10	1	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	
	d	2	—	—	—	4	—	51	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	

Case Rate Expressed as per 10,000 Population per Annum

Bavaria	8,146,734	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Greater Hesse	3,445,924	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Württemberg	3,043,926	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Baden	—	d	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bremen Port Command	473,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Berlin (US Sector)	934,000	.56	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

*No data submitted.

APPENDIX "C"

Communicable Disease Rates United States Zone of Germany
for Week Ending 20 April 1946

Regierungs-Bezirk	Popu-lation	Total U.S. Zone	15,570,584	.03	—	—	—	19.07	4.46	17.19	2.24	5.97	10	10	55.24	18.05	2.11	.46	1.02	.10	.20	106.72	—	.03	.50	3.631.222	
Mainfranken	927,206	—	—	—	—	—	—	21.87	2.81	21.85	2.81	3.37	.56	—	33.66	8.98	1.12	2.24	—	—	*	139.13	—	—	—	12.90	
Ober- and Mittelfranken	2,140,055	—	—	—	—	—	—	8.99	3.89	15.55	.49	9.23	.24	—	43.01	13.61	4.37	.73	—	—	.24	172.29	—	.24	.49	4.13	
Niederbayern and Oberpfalz	1,966,526	—	—	—	—	—	—	12.41	3.17	10.82	.79	—	—	—	26.46	7.73	12.40	3.96	.53	—	—	*	166.06	—	.79	* *	
Schwaben	1,018,162	—	—	—	—	—	—	15.84	7.15	14.31	—	*	—	—	49.56	13.80	1.53	—	1.02	.51	—	*	*	—	—	* *	
Oberbayern	2,094,785	—	—	—	—	—	—	16.86	4.46	14.88	2.48	10.42	—	.50	53.32	17.11	.50	—	.74	—	*	105.65	—	.50	4.46	*	
Kassel	1,042,724	—	—	—	—	—	—	15.47	2.99	13.97	3.49	4.49	—	—	34.43	12.97	2.00	.50	—	—	—	45.41	—	—	—	2.50	
Wiesbaden	1,322,421	—	—	—	—	—	—	24.37	6.29	17.69	3.54	3.14	—	—	126.15	54.63	2.75	—	1.57	—	—	—	5.11	—	—	—	
Hessen	1,080,779	—	—	—	—	—	—	22.61	4.81	19.24	.96	12.51	.48	—	49.06	13.47	.48	—	1.92	.48	—	2.41	102.93	—	—	—	21.651.92
Baden	1,135,775	—	—	—	—	—	—	33.43	4.12	17.86	4.58	5.95	—	—	63.66	17.40	—	—	3.21	.46	—	*	309.15	*	—	1.37	.46
Württemberg	1,908,151	—	—	—	—	—	—	19.38	3.00	12.83	3.00	10.65	—	—	39.04	9.56	.55	.82	.55	—	—	*	62.52	*	—	.27	1.647.10
Bremen Port Command	\$	—	—	—	—	—	—	37.37	6.59	15.39	3.30	—	—	—	165.39	43.96	—	1.10	—	—	—	312.12	—	—	—	17.58	
Berlin (Am Sector)	934,000	.56	—	—	—	—	—	40.10	10.03	50.13	5.01	*	—	—	96.92	36.76	5.57	.56	5.01	—	*	*	—	2.23	*	*	

* No data Submitted.

^a Bremen included in reports from British Zone — Not included in the totals on this report.
(Rates Expressed as per 10,000 Population per Annum)

APPENDIX "D"

Incidence of Communicable Animal Diseases in United States Zone

of Germany for Period 1—15 April 1946

(Summarized from semi-monthly reports of Regierungsbezirksstierärzte)

Figures are numbers of farms newly infected during the period.

Regierungsbezirk	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Total US Zone 16-28 Feb 46		24																									
Total US Zone 1-15 Mar 46		20																									
Total US Zone 16-31 Mar 46		16		1																							
Total US Zone 1-15 Apr 46		14	1	12																							
Land Bavaria		10	12																								
Mainfranken																											
Ober- and Mittelfranken																											
Nied.-Bayern & Oberpfalz		10																									
Schwaben		10																									
Oberbayern		2																									
Land Greater Hesse		4																									
Kassel		4																									
Wiesbaden																											
Hessen																											
Land Württemberg-Baden		1	32																								
Baden																											
Württemberg		1	16																								
Bremen Enclave																											
Berlin Dist. (US Sector)																											

Data not reported to OMGUS; included in British report

